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SUBJECT: AMOCO DRILLING AT REED BANK

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1. JAMES E. MCDONALD, PRESIDENT, AMOCO PHILIPPINE PETROLEUM COMPANY, ADVISED EMBOFF JULY 29 HIS COMPANY IS IN THE PROCESS OF ABANDONING DRILLING OPERATIONS AT REED BANK B-1 DRILL SITE. THE GLOMAR TASMAN DRILL SHIP WILL MOVE TO A NEW DRILLING LOCATION ABOUT 28 MILES OFF THE WEST COAST OF PALAWAN OVER THE WEEKEND OF JULY 30/31. AMOCO'S NEW LOCATION IS ADJACENT TO THE CITIES SERVICE NIDO COMPLEX WHERE CITIES HAS DISCOVERED TWO OIL BEARING STRUCTURES. AMOCO LAST DRILLED IN THE AREA IN 1975. THE NEW DRILL SITE IS ALSO WELL WITHIN PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL WATERS AS DEFINED BY THE TREATY OF PARIS.

2. THIS WELL REACHED A TOTAL DEPTH OF 12,252 FEET AND NO HYDROCARBONS WERE FOUND. MCDONALD CHARACTERIZED THE THREE WELLS DRILLED SO FAR ON REED BANK AS "THE THREE
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MOST RANK WILDCATS HE HAD EVER SEEN."

3. AMOCO HAS NO PLANS TO DRILL ADDITIONAL WELLS ON REED BANK THIS YEAR. THE DATA COLLECTED SO FAR WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE EVALUATION AND INTERPRETATION BEFORE THEY CAN MAP OUT THE NEXT DRILL SITE, MCDONALD SAYS. THIS WELL SATISFIED THE TERMS OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT AND AMOCO IS

NOT REQUIRED TO DRILL ANOTHER WELL IN THE AREA UNTIL NEXT
YEAR, AND THAT COULD BE LATER RATHER THAN SOONER. OUR
IMPRESSION IS THAT AMOCO IS STILL INTERESTED IN RETAINING
ITS INTEREST IN THIS EXTENSIVE PIECE OF POTENTIAL OIL-
BEARING REAL ESTATE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, BUT DOES NOT
INTEND TO RUSH ON WITH AN EXPLORATION PROGRAM AT THIS
TIME.
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